

REMARKS

With the entry of this amendment, claims 12, 15-18 and 20 will be pending in this patent application.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Notice of Appeal. In this Amendment, Applicant is proposing that claim 21 be canceled. Applicant trusts that the Examiner will approve the entry of this amendment to the claims under the provisions of 37 CFR § 116(b)(1).

If unresolved matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Frederick R. Handren, Reg. No. 32,874, at the telephone number provided below, so that these matters can be addressed and resolved expeditiously.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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